

The Great I AM:
The Way, The Truth & The Life
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John 13:33a, 14:1-7

13:33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer... 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

1. IF JESUS IS THE WAY, THERE MUST BE A WRONG WAY

John 14:6 Jesus [said], "I am the way..."

Matthew 27:50-51

50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...

Hebrews 9:11-12

11 When Christ came as high priest ... 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 10:19-22

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...

2. IF JESUS IS THE TRUTH, WE MUST BE VULNERABLE TO LIES

John 14:6 (Jesus IS THE TRUTH)

Jesus [said], "I am the truth..."

John 8:31-32 (Jesus' Words are True)

31 ... Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 16:13 (The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth)

[Jesus said] "... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth."

John 17:17 (God's Word is Truth)

[Jesus said] "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

3. IF JESUS IS THE LIFE, THEN DEATH IS REAL

John 14:6 Jesus [said], "I am the life..."

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

John 5:24

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

54... "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

John 14:6

Jesus [said], "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Galatians 2:21

I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

Matthew 20:28

[Jesus said] "the Son of Man ... [came] to give his life as a ransom for many."